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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American apples at the Liverpool auction Wednesday, April 15, were on the whole slightly higher than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Virginia Albemarle Pippins and New York Baldwins, with the exception of the U. S. No. 1, 22 inch size of the latter, made better prices than last week at the auction. Offerings of barreled apples were light, amounting to only 4,250 barrels. Demand was active on high grade barreled fruit. Boxed Winesaps sold at slightly higher prices but Newtowns were unchanged. Boxed apples were in moderate supply, about 13,500 boxes being offered at the auction. The condition of the fruit was good. The market outlook continues favorable for boxed apples. About 2,900 crates of New Hampshire Baldwins and Ben Davis apples were offered at the auction. Prices were satisfactory, especially for the former. Australian apples in good condition made \$2.19 to \$3.04 per box, according to variety and grade.

At London both barreled and boxed apples sold at lower prices than last week. Prices were also below those ruling at Liverpool. Barreled apple supplies were light, baskets very light and boxes moderate. Demand was good for sound, quality fruit packed in barrels and boxes. Baskets were in only fair demand at the auction. Virginia Winesaps, U. S. Mo. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch made \$2.55 to \$2.74 and Utility, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch \$1.95 to \$2.13 per basket. Boxed apples to arrive in the United Kingdom from all sources next week are placed at 191,000 boxes, of which Australian and New Zealand fruit will constitute about 114,000 boxes.

California Winter Nelis pears were in light supply at both Liverpool and London. Prices were slightly lower than last week at Liverpool. At London, Fancy 193/smaller sold at \$2.68 to \$3.10 per box, which was higher than the Liverpool price.

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A-568 - 2 -Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London Liverpool London Variety, grade and origin 1930 1931 : 1931 April 16 April 8 : April 15 APPLES BARRELS: Dollars Dollars Dollars Dollars Albemarle Pippins, Va. U. S. No. 1, 2 inch min......:6.81-8.39: 7.86 :7.79-7.91 :8.10-8.93 8.03 U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....: 9.98 :8.64-9.12 8.52 :8.81-9.53 Comb. U.S. No. 1 and Utility $2\frac{1}{4}$: 7.79 :7.86-8.10 Comb.U.S. No. 1 and Utility 22: 9.05 Utility $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min..... :7.30-7.79 7.74 7.42 Baldwins, N. Y. U. S. No. 1, 2 inch min....: 5.84 U. S. No. 1, $2^{\frac{1}{4}}$ inch min..... 6.81 :6.20-6.69 :6.67-7.15 U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch min..... :8.03-8.88 :6.31-7.86 Comb.U.S. No. 1, and Com. $2\frac{1}{4}$ in.: :6.91-7.15 2.92 a/ :5.84-5.96 Comb.U.S. No. 1, and Com.21 in.: 3.89 a/ :5.23-5.47 :6.67-7.15 Comb. U.S. No. 1 and Utility $2\frac{1}{4}$: 6.67 :3.04-3.41 a/ Comb.U.S. No. 1 and Utility 22: .篇. 5.96 BOXES: Newtowns, Wash. Extra Fancy 150/175..... :2.68-2.74 Extra Fancy 188/smaller..... :2.55-2.68 Fancy 150/175....: 2.68 Fancy 188/smaller....: 2.68 "C" grade 150/175..... :2.43-2.55 "C" grade 188/smaller....: 2.49 Winesaps, Wash. :2.86-2.98 :3.04-3.10 Extra Fancy 188/smaller..... :2.80-2.92 :2.62-2.92 Newtowns, Oregon Extra Fancy 138/larger..... 3.10 3.04 Extra Fancy 150/175......3.53- 4.14 :3.04-3.28 :3.10-3.28 :2.80-2.92 Extra Fancy 188/smaller......:3.16- 3.41 :2.86-3.10 :2.49-2.74 2.92 :2.74-2.92 2.55 :2.31-2.62 :2.80-2.86 Arkansas Blacks, Oregon Extra Fancy 150/175..... 2.55 Extra Fancy 188/smaller..... :2.43-2.55 CRATES: Baldwins, New Hampshire U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min....: :2.43-2.80 Unclassified $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch min....: 2.31 Ben Davis, New Hampshire..... U. S. No. 1, $2^{\frac{1}{4}}$ inch min....: 2.13 2.13 Unclassified $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....: 2.07 PEARS Winter Nelis, Calif. Fancy 100/larger....: :2.43-2.55

Fancy 100/120's.....

Fancy 135/150's.....

Fancy 165/180's.....

2.68

:2.80-2.92

:2.68-2.92

2.68

2.80

:2.74-2.80

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted. a/ Variable condition.